

Minutes of the May 24, 2014 Annual Meeting of the Trump Lake Protective Association

Meeting Called to Order at 9:10 AM

President Wickershiem welcomed everyone to the 2014 season at Trump Lake. While noting the lake has suddenly come alive in recent days, he cautioned everyone to reduce their speed on the lake roads since there is a lot more traffic of many different types. Rich also reported some recent wildlife sightings, included a bear with three cubs, and an otter.

The treasurer's report shows balances of \$4,500 in the general fund and \$11,000 in the walleye fund. The treasurer's report was approved.

The secretary's report included a report on the 2013 Regatta winners: Wickershiem, Schmitz and Sawalls. Also, upcoming lake events were itemized: 2014 Regatta on July 5, Rummage-0-Rama on August 8 & 9, and the Walleye fundraiser on August 16. The minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting were approved.

A motion was made and approved to repeat last year's donations of \$200 to the Wabeno Fire Department, \$200 to the Wabeno Police Department, \$300 to the United Area Rescue Squad, and \$100 to the Forest County Association of Lakes. A motion was made and approved to donate \$100 to the Forest County Humane Society.

A motion was made and approved to authorize the Walleye Committee to donate funds from the walleye fund, if necessary to help the Town of Wabeno undertake needed maintenance of the lake pavilion. The town board is planning to conduct their June 20th meeting at the lake pavilion. While the pavilion is located on town property, the pavilion itself was originally built using funds provided by the Lions and the Legion. It was also noted that the lake association uses the pavilion for purposes of fundraising for the walleye fund.

Last year, the association donated \$500 toward the new band shell. While the band shell has been constructed, there may be some remaining expenses that need funding. No action suggested at this time.

Quentin Velicer and Rich Wickersheim reported briefly on their participation in the Forest County Association of Lakes. They described some of the educational activities of that association, especially pertaining to invasive species. Rich has a book of lake plant species which association members are welcome to consult. Rich observed that heavy infestations of invasive species could ultimately have a negative impact on property values.

Rich Wickersheim was re-elected to a new two-year term as President of the Trump Lake Association. Tom Barborich was re-elected to a new two-year term as Vice-President of the Trump Lake Association.

Tom Barborich asked for volunteers to help operate the August 16 fundraiser for the Walleye Fund, scheduled for 12 Noon to 6 PM, at the Trump Lake Pavilion. Tom explained that he is recruiting volunteers to work 2-hour shifts. In fall 2013, the walleye fund paid to stock the lake with an additional 1,700 young walleye. For 2014, however, the DNR will not authorize any additional young walleye in order to help ensure existing walleye can attain larger lengths.

Ann Books displayed and described numerous beautiful Trump Lake Clothing items, including shirts, sweatshirts, hats, tote bags, towels, and cup holders. Net proceeds from the sale of these items are

directed into the Walleye Fund. Clothing items will be available for sale at the August 16th Walleye fundraiser, but they can also be purchased directly from Ann at her lake residence at 2627 Trump Lake Road. The website at trumplake.org will also be a source of information about the clothing items.

The Annual TLPA Picnic and Golf Outing will be scheduled for a date in June, possibly June 21. Check trumplake.org and/or road signs for confirmation of this date. The final date will avoid conflict with the date of the annual Roberts Lake fundraiser. Golfers will be welcomed regardless of their skill level. The Picnic will start at 5 PM at the lake pavilion. As always, non-golfers are encouraged to attend the picnic. **(Since the meeting, the date was set as July 19th)**

Rich reported on the recent Conservation Congress. The Congress decisions pertaining to Trump Lake include the following:

1. Large-mouth bass: daily bag limit of 3 per person when less than 14 inches. Please take them, don't throw them back into the lake.
2. Walleye: daily bag limit of 5 per person when 15 inches or more.

The Walleye Committee is formulating a plan to build and install fish cribs in Trump Lake. The cribs will be funded from the Walleye Fund. The cribs will be built using logs and hardwood brush. They will be installed in the lake during the winter months. The top of each crib will be at least 5 feet below water surface; a depth of 8 feet would be preferred. Volunteers are needed to assist with building and installing the cribs. Further information will be posted to trumplake.org.

Members were advised there is growing evidence of consumer demand for cottage rentals. If you know of available rentals contact the website as that is where requests are being made.

Mary Beck noted that a few residents had spoken to her about loud music day and night and yard lights that shine across the lake. It was suggested that lake residents be mindful that others may not enjoy their music and would appreciate the volume being lowered. Residents were also asked to examine their yard lights to see if the lighting was contained to their property.

Barb Charlton announced she is creating a spacious community garden on her farm. She invited members to plant a garden within this location if interested.

Marvin Braun noted that none of the lake residents passed away this year.

At Diane Margenau's request, Mary Beck provided an update on recent activities of the Friends of Wabeno, including plans to build a boardwalk along the North Branch of the Oconto River in Wabeno, along with other improvements designed to attract increased tourist activity. A grocery store is also a desired outcome.

A group of 4 young people from Trump Lake presented a request that stationary and slow-moving watercraft avoid areas used by faster power watercraft during the permitted wake hours (10 am to 4 pm except 7 pm on Wednesdays) during the period from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. The purpose of this request is to promote safety for all concerned.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.